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Burned to Death by Fire Which Followed Explosion on Oil Barge.

New York, Dec. 20.—By an explosion of the burning of one million gallons of petroleum on a Standard Oil Company's barge at sea off Long Branch, N. J., four men were burned to death. One man is missing.

Four survivors of the crew of the burned barge were brought to this port and are in a hospital suffering from burns.

The steel barge No. 1 and another barge were in tow of a tug boat when the explosion occurred. The tug boat was in the water tank and Engineer Sale and Fireman Brandt went aboard to investigate. An explosion followed, whether of gas or a boiler is unknown. In a twinkling the barge was ablaze from stem to stern.

The tug which had the barges in tow went alongside the burning barge and took off four seamen, but the blaze had spread so rapidly that the others could not be rescued.

The cause of the fire on the barge has not been explained. None of the sur-

THE SEVASTOPOL HAS BEEN DISABLED

TOGO'S REPORT ON RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP

The British Steamer Captured by the Japanese Was Carrying Kerosene to Vladivostok.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 21.—Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battleship Sevastopol, telegraphs to the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled.

Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinion, inasmuch by the fact that when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk Togo was one of the few officers of the entire Japanese fleet whose eye caught the vision of speedy disaster.

CAPTURED STEAMER ARRIVES AT SASEBO.

Nagasaki, Dec. 21.—10 a.m.—The British steamer Nigretia, which was seized by the Japanese cruiser Tsuchima off Ulsan yesterday, has arrived at Sasebo for trial of the prize court. The Nigretia was proceeding to Vladivostok with a cargo of kerosene. It is said the crew refused to leave Shanghai, but were compelled to do so by the consul, who held that her cargo was not contraband owing to the fact that the port of Vladivostok is not being blockaded by the Japanese.

CASE OF THE NIGRETIA IS BEING INVESTIGATED.

Tokio, Dec. 21.—The examination of the cargo, passengers and crew of the British steamer Nigretia is progressing. Seemingly it is undetermined if paroled Russian officers are on board the Nigretia. The Japanese are carefully investigating this side of the case because of the question of the ability of the Chinese officials to properly conduct the investigation of Russian ships which are at ports in China which is considered to be vitally important.

The Japanese transport Matsuwa leaves Japan for Port Arthur about December 26th, carrying the foreign naval attaches, and parliamentary delegations. The trip is intended to give the attaches an opportunity to make technical observations.

MORE THAN HALF OF SICK RECOVERED.

Mukden, Dec. 21.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A report of the work of the Red Cross in the north-eastern district has been submitted by Prince Vassilitchoff. During the month of October 10,621 sick were treated. Of these 89,198 per cent. were only slightly ill and 10,602 seriously sick. A little over 53 per cent. of the sick recovered. The others were invalided or transferred to other hospitals. Less than one per cent. died. The figures relating to the wounded are conflicting and uncertain, but it appears the ratio of shot and shell wounds to cold steel were about 235 to 1.

Mr. Nanda, who has been in charge of the balloon corps in the Far East during the greater part of the war, has given some interesting conclusions reached in practical work in the field. He still thinks the balloon has a distinct future in warfare, and in an explosion during the fire, five firemen were injured. The flames started in the Michoff building in the rear of the First National bank. The second, third and fourth floors were occupied as flats, and fifteen families resided there, but all were rescued.

The fire spread to the stores of the Krause, Butler & Benham Co., one of the largest carpet and rug dealers in Central Ohio, and the Wheeler grocery, adjoining. While the firemen were at work on the second floor of the Michoff building, there was an explosion of gas. Five firemen were injured, but none seriously. The total loss is \$15,000 on the Michoff building and \$100,000 on the store owned by Krause, Butler & Benham.

Explosion in Allegheny.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—The explosion of a gas tank in a building in Allegheny City, occupied by the Ito-French Product Co. early to-day, resulted in a fire which destroyed four buildings. No one was injured. The damage is about \$60,000.

Club House Burned.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan Club house, famous as a home of men prominent in social and official life, was completely gutted by fire, which broke out early to-day. In addition to the club house, several adjoining buildings were destroyed. The loss will be heavy.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

Counsel For Nan Patterson Addresses the Court on Behalf of Accused.

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Four Japanese suffering from frost bite of the hands and feet have voluntarily surrendered to the Russians. The Japanese like the Russian troops are living in dugouts, six men in a house. They have apparently a large supply of clothing, principally Chinese padded coats.

NUMBER OF GUNS CAPTURED BY JAPS.

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"The Port Arthur army reports our trophies at the battle of the North Fort of Tunkwa Kwanshan were four quick-firing, whereof two are usable; four machine guns, all usable, and five field guns, which are under examination, besides rifles, shells, ammunition, grenades, etc."

TAKEN TO TASK.

Moscow Town Council Asked to Explain Recent Resolution.

TO MEET RUSSIAN FLEET.

Squadron of Japanese Warships Reported to Have Sailed.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Hongkong says he has learned on trustworthy authority that a powerful Japanese squadron of battle-ships and armored cruisers is proceeding south, accompanied by 15 colliers and transports, to attack the Russian second Pacific squadron.

Mobilizing Russians.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Mobilization of the reserves has been announced in seven military districts. This is the third and most significant mobilization of the war and will add about 200,000 men to the army in the Far East. It is thought the whole force can be placed in the field by spring, when the problem of food and fuel will be easier and the transportation of the troops will create less strain upon the trans-Siberian railway. It will bring Gen. Kourpoukoff's effective force, roughly estimated, to 680,000.

KILLED AT PORTLAND.

Son of C. P. R. Train Dispatcher at Vancouver Fell Under Cars.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Word was received here to-day of the death of J. A. Goodfellow, second son of J. Goodfellow, chief train dispatcher and master of the C. P. R. here. Deceased was switching cars in the terminal yard at Portland, Ore., and fell under the cars, being frightfully mangled, both arms being cut off. Deceased had worked here for the C. P. R. both as operator and yardman, and was for some time operator on the Dominion government Yukon line. The remains will be brought here for interment.

MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE

THREE PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES IN MAINE

Washington Club House Gutted—Outbreaks at Columbus and Allegheny City—Heavy Losses.

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THE DROUGHT IN EASTERN STATES

MANY INDUSTRIES MAY BE CLOSED DOWN

Rain is Badly Needed, Not Only for Stock.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 21.—A Pittsburg dispatch to the Tribune says: "It is feared that within the next ten days almost every industry in western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio will have to close down. The drought is the worst in the history of this part of the country. The weather bureau cannot see any relief in sight. There is only half a foot of snow on the level. If this melted it would only be equal to six-tenths of an inch of rain, and it will take at least one inch of rain besides to be of benefit. The Edgar Thompson Steel Plant has ordered a large part of the plant to close down. The furnaces have no coke, and the boilers are all corroded with the sulphur from the coal mines. In the country districts, especially in the mountains, nothing but melted snow can be had for watering stock or for house use. Firemen have hung up their hose in scores of towns.

"Mines have closed after using sulphur water until corrosion had eaten the boilers and pipes to a shell. This is working a hardship as fuel cannot be had.

"The South is suffering for coal. Streams that have needed dry weather for some time have not been covered with water for a month, and pools are frozen solid. Workmen at the National Tube Works, the Duquesne and Homestead mills say conditions at those places cannot be explained, and orders to close down are expected hourly."

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Meeting Decides to Guarantee Issue of Bonds For Lake Superior Branch.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—At a special general meeting to-day of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk railway, presided over by Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, it was agreed to guarantee the issue of \$7,500,000 four per cent. gold bonds before the construction of the Lake Superior branch of the road.

VON PLEHWE'S ASSASSIN.

Report That Sasseff is Free and Innocent Man Was Sentenced.

London, Dec. 20.—The sensational announcement is made that Zurich correspondent of the Daily Express that Sasseff, the assassin of M. Von Plehwe, former Russian minister of the interior, is a free man. On Thursday last the murderer, or a man said to bear his name and to be guilty of the crime, was sentenced in St. Petersburg to penal servitude for life. It is this seeming termination of the famous case which, according to the Express correspondent, has prompted the real Sasseff to reveal his identity.

Sasseff's escape from the hospital, where he was being treated for the injuries received while throwing the bomb which killed the minister, was reported on September 5th, and denied promptly and at length by the hospital and other Russian authorities. The story ran that two uniformed officers, claiming to be sent from headquarters for the purpose of taking Sasseff's deposition, gained entrance to the sick room and helped the prisoner to escape. The details of the truth of the report were so vehement and circumstantial that it was put down as mere fiction, and that having formed one of the principal topics of conversation in all the capitals in Europe for one day, was forgotten.

The Zurich dispatch in the Express, while not generally accepted as fully reliable, has nevertheless revived all the rumors and reports incidental to the first escape of Sasseff, and the question is asked whether it is possible that the Russian authorities would knowingly send an innocent man to Siberia for life in order to cover up the escape of the real culprit.

Sasseff's story and confession, as related by the Express correspondent, does not tally with the reports published in the early part of September. The correspondent states that Sasseff insists that he made his escape unaided, traversing Russia and Germany and finally reaching Switzerland.

It was his intention, the man says, to assume another name and to take his secret to the grave with him. He was of the firm opinion, he is reported as saying, that the Russian police would make some acceptable excuse for his disappearance, but the heartless manner in which an innocent man is to be railroaded to Siberia has brought home to him the realization of his duty to the victim and to the world at large, so that civilized nations may become fully acquainted with Russia's perfidy.

SHOT BY CLERK.

Woman and Constable Killed—Suicide of the Murderer.

(Associated Press.)

Lockport, Dec. 21.—Fred Jones, a clerk in a store at Newfane, shot and killed Mrs. Abbie Gray and Constable Wm. C. Gray late this afternoon, and then shot himself fatally. No details have been received.

WILL ARRIVE TO-NIGHT.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will arrive from California at 7 o'clock to-night.

THE KINKS AND TWISTS IN RHEUMATISM RUGGED ROAD.

The wife of a well known Toronto physician was on crutches from Rheumatism. Science and not until she began using South American Rheumatic Cure could she get a minute's permanent relief from pain. Four bottles cured her. Write for confirmation if you're sceptical.—154.

COURT OF REVISION.

Assessment on Port Simpson Townsite Lowered—Canney Appeal is Also Brought Up.

Judge Harrison is sitting to-day as a court of revision, hearing appeals against the provincial assessment. A few interesting appeals came up. One of these was that of the B. C. Packers' Association, which appealed against the increase from \$50,000 to \$60,000 of the assessment on the Bahmoral cannery to \$80,000. S. McB. Smith, of the assessor's department, stated that he had acted on information in increasing the assessment. It was urged against this year's assessment that it was excessive in comparison with other canneries, and the Ocanic cannery was instanced. The case was allowed to stand over until witnesses could be examined with respect to the latter.

Another appeal which was taken was against the assessment of Port Simpson townsite, the appeal being taken by the owner of the site. The assessment for about 117 acres was placed at \$25,340. Mr. Spencer, of Vancouver, appeared for the owner and argued against the sum fixed.

It was contended by Provincial Assessor Worstall that a lot of a fifth of an acre had been sold for \$180. This had been assessed at \$125. It belonged to a non-resident of the province, and Mr. Spencer alluded to this as the explanation of the reason why an appeal was not taken. Mr. Spencer also held that the townsite was only of a speculative value.

His Honor seemed to agree with this and incidentally the subject of the chances of the land ever being of value was touched upon. His Honor did not seem to think very highly of the place as a railway terminus, and could not understand the selection. He at the same time held that prospective values could not be altogether shut out. If such were done in the province there would be a poor lookout for residents. He finally decided that part of the townsite should be assessed at \$20 a lot, there being about five lots to the acre. The remainder was to be given an assessed valuation of \$4 a lot.

Mr. Spencer then argued that it should be taxed as improved land and not as wild lands, thus reducing the rate. He argued that sufficient had been spent in surveys to bring it under the heading of improved lands. His Honor withheld his decision on this point.

RECOMMENDS MR. BUSBY AS ADMINISTRATOR

Telegram From Member for the Yukon and Others to Hon. Clifford Sifton.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Hon. Clifford Sifton received a telegram last night from Dr. Thompson, the newly elected member for the Yukon, and others at Dawson recommending that Mr. E. S. Busby, collector of customs, should be appointed administrator of the Yukon Territory. Hon. Mr. Sifton replied that he would give the request serious consideration.

Rated by Shareholders.

At a special meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Atlantic railway held here yesterday the application of the directors to sell or amalgamate with the Grand Trunk was ratified.

Well Known Hotel Man Dead.

F. S. St. Jacques, who for 35 years was identified with the Russell, died this morning at his residence, 68 Somerset street. Mr. St. Jacques was probably the best known hotel man in Canada. He was known and respected by all leading politicians in Canada since Confederation, who made the Russell their headquarters while in Ottawa. About a week ago he fell and broke his shoulder and collar blade, but he has been in failing health for some time past and was obliged to leave his interests in the Russell to others. Last summer he ran the Victoria hotel at Aylmer, which he owns. Deceased was 60 years of age. He has two brothers in the city.

PERSONAL.

R. A. Millions, editor and proprietor of the Review, Aylmer, Que., who has been engaged with the C. P. R. for the summer months, returned to his home on the 19th. He is delighted with the Coast country and may locate in this vicinity next season.

Harry Sweetman, agent for "The Chinese Homestead," M. H. Dickinson, of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, of New York; J. R. Holmes, of San Francisco; and W. P. Lockwood, of Tacoma, are at the Driford.

John Brown, of the Albin Iron Works, was the victim of a painful accident at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening. While playing handball he was thrown to the floor and sprained his ankle.

W. R. Robertson, A. Heyman and T. Solis, of Dunsmuir; J. K. Jones, of Colquhoun; and John Cathcart and Owen Parnell, of New Westminster, are among the guests at the Victoria hotel.

F. Lloyd, of Westholme; E. Davis, of Goldstream; W. B. Terrell, of Seattle; and Jas. McDonald, of Vancouver; and Chas. A. Freese, of Boston, are guests at the Vernon.

H. J. Knott, W. McLeod, A. R. Tufts, H. W. Windle and H. Findley were among the passengers from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Thos. R. Stockert, superintendent of the Western Fuel Company's mines at Nanaimo, is in the city, a guest at the Driford.

Mr. Justice Duff was among the arrivals from Vancouver by the steamer Princess Victoria last evening.

Miss Wilson, of Vancouver, and Miss Dunlop, of Montreal, are at the Vernon.

J. A. Harvey and R. O. Jennings, of Cranbrook, are at the Driford.

W. McNeill returned from a business trip to the Mainland yesterday.

The Western Lumbermen's Association convened at Calgary on Tuesday and decided to ask parliament to impose a duty on rough lumber. The Board of Trade endorsed the movement under the assurance that no advance in price would be made.

It was announced in the London Gazette on Tuesday evening that King Edward had conferred a knighthood on Chief Justice William Henry Wood, of Newfoundland.

SIX MERCHANTMEN ARE NEARING PORT

THE VESSELS COMING SEEKING CHARTERS

The New Whaling Steamer Will Leave Norway Within the Next Ten Days—Notes.

There are six merchantmen heading for the Royal Roads from different parts of the world which must be nearing their destination. With favorable weather it is probable a number may yet arrive before Christmas. These vessels are the Haddon Hall, from Guayaquil, which is coming to this port for repairs; the County of Dumfries, from Valparaiso; the Nelson, from Melbourne; the Perthshire, from Panama; the Antipone, from Mazatlan, and the Nordstjerne, from Acapulco. All should arrive within the next ten days. They are in ballast and seeking.

Since freight rates have dropped to a point where it would be almost profitable for a ship to load, there has been no reduction in the size of the inbound fleet. They come in the hope of the freight market improving. There are thought a large number of ships laid up on the Sound and at San Francisco, awaiting a charter, and this morning two more ships are to be towed to sea from the Sound, which having waited some time for orders are about to try the Australian coast for business. These vessels are the German barque Bertha and the French barque La Tour d'Auvergne. They will make the third to have left the Sound and British Columbia waters this year, although several have cleared from Francisco for similar reasons.

The occurrence is so unusual as to cause much comment, it being said that never before have ships been obliged to leave the Sound for business.

THE BARKENTINE HENRIETTA.

"It is reported that the dismantled barkentine Henrietta, purchased by Capt. S. F. McKenzie on the Columbia river two years ago, is to be transformed into a steamer for carrying livestock and general cargo," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "For the past two seasons she has been operated as a cattle-carrying hulk between Vancouver and Skagway, but is now to be fitted with triple-expansion engines and Scotch marine boilers. The contract for fitting her up is not yet awarded, but it is understood the work will be completed in sufficient time to enable her to begin service on the Vancouver and Lynn canal route early in the ensuing year."

HALF YEARLY REPORT.

The half yearly report to the shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, just received, shows for the term ending September 30th profits of the company amounting to yen 2,881,144, from which is to be deducted yen 751,037 for depreciation of the company's fleet; yen 348,061 insurance fund and yen 450,640 for ship's structural repair fund. The balance is sufficient to pay a dividend of 10 per cent. The company has lost five of its fleet in various ways since the war began. They operate 47 addition 38 steam launches and tugs. One large ship of 7,200 tons, to be called the Tango Maru, is building.

THE OLD BOSCOVITZ.

During the last few days inquiry has been made about the old steamer Boscovitz on the Star ways with a view to purchase. The parties interested are Vancouver and Northern people. It is believed that the vessel can be repaired and put in a condition for freighting. Her timbers are said to be sound and her machinery is still good.

WILL SAIL SHORTLY.

Within the next ten days the whaling steamer, building in Christina, Norway, will start on her long voyage around the Horn to Victoria. She is expected to arrive in March. In view of the fact that she is very speedy the little steamer is expected to make a smart voyage.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Amur sailed for Skagway and the Queen City for West Coast ports last evening.

Steamer Amuna is due from Alaskan ports on Friday. She will not leave for the North again before the 28th inst.

—Steamer Princess Victoria left Vancouver at 1.20, connecting with the train from the East.

The oldest hunter in the Jura Alps is known as Father Tacou, of Mont St. Sulpice. He is ninety-one years of age, and the other day walked fifty miles down the valley to renew his shooting license. He is still a dead shot, and never fails to carry off prizes at the shooting matches at Neuchatel.

Straw, pressed into blocks and made hard enough to use as pavement, is in use for this purpose in some of the streets of Warsaw, Poland.

New Scale Williams Piano's Tone Powerful and Rich

Crystal Brown, a young Toronto tenor, who has risen to a top position in musical ranks, and is now leader of one of the largest city choirs in Erie, Pa., paid a visit to the Toronto Exhibition and called at the exhibit of the Williams Piano Company, Limited, of Oshawa. After examining the New Scale Williams Piano, he expressed his opinion of it in the following words: "I was surprised to find such beautiful quality of tone, so wonderfully powerful, and of such rich sustaining quality. It is equal to any piano I have ever tried. I was particularly pleased with its elastic touch, and the ease with which the tone lends itself to the wishes of the performer. I think the New Scale Williams is equal, if not superior, to any American make of piano."

Sole Local Agents, Fletcher Bros., 25 Government street.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

At Campbell's Prescription Store.

Many Hair Brushes, genuine, from 50c. to \$4.00. Ebony Mirrors of every description. Perfumes, the best makes, at a big discount. Also, a large stock of Christmas gifts, including, among others, a large stock of Cigarette Cases, the best quality. Brush and Comb Sets, all prices, in Ebony and Foxwood. Military Brushes, best quality, all prices. Perfume Atomizers, new kind, no bulbs to go wrong. Mirrors, Manteaux, Sets, Cigarettes, Spoons and many other useful articles for Xmas gifts. Remember, we buy for cash, get the cash discounts, and give you the benefit. You can't get anything any better anywhere at the price.

CAMPBELL'S PRESCRIPTION STORE

FORT AND DOUGLAS STS.
"LOOK FOR THE SIGN OF THE CAMEL"

Have you made enquiries as to the cost of Wiring your House for Electric Light?

There are only a few days before Christmas in which to have this important work done. Do it now.

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CATERING TO THE CHRISTMAS TRADE

HANDSOME DISPLAYS IN VARIOUS STORES

Some Impressions Received by a Times Reporter in Following Bargain-Seeking Throng.

This is the shopkeepers' harvest week, and the Victoria tradespeople are rising to the situation to the best of their ability. Christmas bargains are being offered on all sides, and naturally and necessarily the goods on sale are bewildering in their variety. A Times representative made a tour of the town yesterday afternoon, and made mental notes of a few of the impressions he received.

Spencer's big departmental store has had a heavy run of business during the past few weeks. In addition to the pressing demand upon staple goods at this season of the year, the holiday trade has been phenomenally good. The department has given over largely to the toy department, and the endless variety of goods shown has been a very strong inducement for the children. Elsewhere in the store an exhaustive stock of holiday goods has been constantly replenished for weeks past. The reinforced staff of clerks have been kept busy throughout this season of heavy purchases.

In addition to what might be regarded as essentially Christmas goods the firm has been taxed to its utmost also in general lines. The windows on Broad Street have shown forth only in a very limited way the wide range of goods carried in each department. The plan adopted by the firm in decorating the windows for Christmas creates a very pleasing effect. A border has been placed about each of the large plate-glass panes. It is an evergreen, with a red background. The effect is very artistic and yet simple. In addition to this the windows are filled with attractive goods.

In the window of The Westside is to be seen Santa Claus in his house. Surrounded by toys and children's books and games the window is the stopping place for every child who passes. The remaining windows are devoted to a display of seasonable goods, and are very attractive. The holiday trade has been good at The Westside. In addition to the usual stock, the firm has devoted a large section of the store to children's toys. The excellent general stock of dress goods, furs, etc., is a well selected one, and has been well patronized during the Christmas trade.

The windows of Challoner & Mitchell attract all seekers after holiday presents. This firm, with the greatest care, has selected a varied stock which meets all the demands put upon it, either for holiday goods or general trade. The display of jewellery in the windows and

in the show cases include the latest fashions and styles known to the trade. The store interior is quite dazzling in the attractiveness of the goods. Nothing seems to be lacking.

Each evening the front of the Hinton Electric Company store is a centre of attraction to shoppers and others who are called to pass along Government street. Always up to date with respect to electric fixtures, the firm has a stock of supplies which would do credit to any city. For Christmas week a very pretty effect has been produced by soft shading of electric lights and by a pleasing arrangement of screens. The subdued light thrown on the windows in consequence is very effective.

The firm of Hibben & Co. has, by the new front recently placed in its premises on Government street, been afforded a better opportunity to display its goods than in other years. Due advantage has been taken of it, and a most attractive exhibit of books and holiday goods is on view. The shelves have been recently replenished with all the latest works in every variety of binding, so that Victorians are assured of finding a well selected stock of goods from which to make their choice. In addition to these holiday seekers find in Hibben & Co.'s store an excellent variety of souvenirs from which to make any selection they might choose.

The firm of W. & J. Wilson, clothing and gentlemen's furnisiers, is making a very attractive display of goods. This firm carries an unexcelled stock in every branch of its trade. All lines of clothing, together with hats, ties, scarfs and travellers' supplies, are in stock. In the windows of the house are exhibited a very attractive lot of goods. Among these are included some of the latest novelties pertaining to a man's wardrobe, and which always form an acceptable gift during the holiday season.

The windows of W. G. & C. N. Cannon, the Johnson street, have been prettily dressed. In the one there is presented an excellent lot of gentlemen's furnishings, and in the other a rather attractive design has been worked out in the shape of some arches and scrolls work. The store here is a well filled one, and there is a variety of goods on exhibition with prices marked which should insure a substantial business. A lady who contemplates a present for a gentleman friend will be well repaid for a visit to this store.

Those who are interested in things musical should inspect Fletcher's store on Government street. The windows well bespeak the contents of the store, both being filled with instruments of great variety. The photograph is one attraction which demands special attention, there being probably more of these instruments sold this year than ever before. Fletcher carries a heavy stock of this class of machines, besides the latest records. There is of course on hand in addition the usual good showing of pianos and other musical instruments.

Dixie H. Ross's big grocery store on Government street bears the impress of the holiday season in a marked degree. The store is splendidly stocked, and the windows are very attractive. One especially would be noticeable in a city of much greater size than Victoria. The preserved fruit here on view is very tempting. Everything also in the way of seasonable fruit is to be seen, while in the other window a choice assortment of liquors is on exhibition.

A special attraction in the windows of the Patterson Shoe Company, at the corner of Government and Johnson streets is a little terpsichorean artist, in pretty costume and in graceful action. All the windows of this popular house are replete with everything in the shoe line. There are some especially very handsome shoes in the way of pumps, such as would make an ideal gift for a lady.

Cochran's drug store at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets is usual has a choice line of ebony ware, the quality of which needs only to be seen to be appreciated. This store being one of the best equipped in the city contains everything in the way of stock that can be found in a place of this kind. For the Christmas trade there are some very pretty goods, many of which can have a name or date engraven on a neat little silver plate attached to them. Perfume is one of the special lines of stock, one window being filled with these and candies, while in the other the ebony appears on a white ground work. Holly is used for decoration.

Although as a general rule local tailors do not trouble to make special arrangements for the Christmas trade, Alex-

ander, Port street, has taken particular pains to prepare bargains for those of his patrons who wish to purchase acceptable presents. As a result he is doing a specially good business in the fancy vest line. Mr. Peden has displayed some fine lines of Scotch and English tweeds. He also carries the celebrated Martin & Son serge. But it is to overcoats that Mr. Peden is devoting special attention. He already has done considerable business in this line, and has been repeatedly complimented upon the excellence of his work.

A brilliant scene is presented at the store of W. Shakespeare, the well-known Government street jeweller. Clocks, from the cheapest to the most expensive on the market; watches, ranging in grade from the humdrum to the aristocratic, the gold-plated timepiece; spectacles, opera glasses, in fact everything that is usually found in a first class jewellery store is displayed. Special mention should be made of the variety of rings shown. This is a line of which Mr. Shakespeare is justly proud. The stock is all artistically arranged, good taste being shown, not only in this, but in the decorations, which are of an appropriate character.

The West End grocery, corner of Government and Broughton streets, being one of the largest establishments in the city, and at the same time occupying one of the choicest locations, naturally has on exhibition an immense stock. In one of its big windows appears a very rich looking display of fruit, and in the other a miscellaneous lot of articles typical of the business and attractive to the passer-by. Just within the door is a huge pyramid of groceries. Seasonable decorations make the whole a very creditable showing.

Walt's windows, Government street, have a representative showing of the contents of the store. One contains a piano of the Dominion manufacture, and the other a collection of book carriers, pronounced to be the best in the city. The store is the oldest musical establishment in Victoria. All lines of musical instruments are in stock, and the class of music includes everything popular and a wide variety of the classical compositions.

Rings to fit the taste and jewellery of every description, with the necessary charm to fit the eye, is on view at Allen's. The stock is all of the highest quality, and the firm has a reputation for dealing in high grade goods, and has earned an excellent name in consequence. There is offered a choice stock from which to choose presents, which are always popular and acceptable. The firm's display is attracting a large share of trade at this season of the year.

Allen's Fit Reform on Government street is well to the front this season with its stock of gentlemen's suits. The recent improvements to the store, by which additional room was afforded for the display of goods has been of inestimable value. In addition to the large stock of the immense Christmas trade which is done by this firm, the window display is an excellent one, showing the excellence and variety of the suits which this well-known house puts upon the market. Everything from a full dress down to the practical office suit is to be found in stock. In addition to these the firm carries a wide variety of overcoats and other accompaniments of a gentleman's furnishing house.

The Saunders Grocery Company, Johnson street, has on exhibition a splendid lot of liquors. One window is devoted to these, the other contains an immense assortment of groceries.

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Any Rheumatic Sufferer May Have a Full Dollar's Worth of My Remedy Free.

I searched the whole earth for a specific for Rheumatism—something that I or any physician could feel safe in prescribing—something that we could count on not only to cure, but to prevent its return. I found it. It is a simple, natural, and powerful remedy, and it is the end of Rheumatism.

After twenty years of search and experiment, I learned of the chemical I now employ. And I knew then that my search was over. I had found the remedy. For this chemical gave me the basis of a remedy which in the cure of Rheumatism is practically certain.

I don't mean that Dr. Snoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bone joints into flesh again—that is impossible. But it will drive from the blood the poison that causes pain and swelling, and it will prevent its return. It is the end of Rheumatism.

After twenty years of search and experiment, I learned of the chemical I now employ. And I knew then that my search was over. I had found the remedy. For this chemical gave me the basis of a remedy which in the cure of Rheumatism is practically certain.

You Pay Nothing—You Promise Nothing—You Risk Nothing—You Deposit Nothing.

Crystallized Poison!

You know that hard water leaves a deposit of lime in the bottom of the teapot, and in the pipes of the house. This is because soft water is filtered and contains no lime, while hard water is not filtered and is full of it.

You can imagine that if that deposit were to settle in the joint of your knee it would be extremely painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your elbow, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your hip, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your neck, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your back, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your shoulder, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your wrist, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your ankle, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your foot, it would be equally painful. And if the deposit were to settle in the joint of your hand, it would be equally painful. 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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
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Victoria, Dec. 21-3 a. m.—The storm
area, of which warnings were displayed yester-
day, is now central at Barkerville;
rain has fallen on the Coast from Califor-
nia to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and rain and
snow from thence northward to Cariboo;
2 inches of snow is reported at Sidney, and
the hills adjacent to Victoria are covered
with snow; at Nanaimo also snow fell all
yesterday afternoon. The indications are
for unsettled and colder weather during
the next 24 hours. In the Northwest it
has become much colder, with snowfall in
Alberta and Manitoba.

For 36 hours ending 3 p.m. Thursday.
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh
westerly winds, unsettled and colder, with
rain or snow.
Lower Mainland—Westerly winds, unset-
tled and colder, with snow or rain.

Forecast.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.75; temperature,
43; minimum, 36; wind, 20 miles W.; rain,
13; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70; tem-
perature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, calm;
rain, 23; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.60; temperature,
22; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow, 20;
weather, fair.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.52; tem-
perature, 14; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow,
10; weather, snow.
San Francisco—Barometer, 42; wind, 8 miles
N.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.90; tempera-
ture, 14; minimum, 10; wind, 8 miles N. E.;
weather, cloudy.

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son, Mrs. Gaudin, C. Martin and wife,
Wm. McLeod, Mrs. Allan, Miss Allan, C.
Irwin, J. Fleming, J. Christian, W. P. Lock-
wood, W. Evershank, P. Marmette, A. R.
Tufte, R. L. Dodd, Miss Day, K. Kerr, Miss
Harrison, Miss Haddington, Miss Day, K.
Kelly, T. R. Stockett, Geo. Perdue, T. Black-
ney, T. Larkin, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Ingleson,
M. T. Hardy, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. Wood, M.
Dalglish, Mr. Douglas, Mrs. Connell, Mrs.
Master, R. C. Fraser, G. Windle, A. L. Spar-
row, Mrs. Carse, H. W. Stinson, Mr. McLean,
Miss Dunlop, J. F. Stevens and wife, S. Fry,
F. Kirkham, O. J. Leewen, Wm. McNeill,
Miss G. Mills, Mr. Smith, Miss Gray, Miss
Wilson, R. O. Crisp, W. Lourt and wife, J.
H. Gray, L. P. Duff, J. James, F. Foster, R.
H. Ryan, Dr. Gribbell, H. Owen, Mrs. M. Les-
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son, H. Findley.

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M. H. Dickinson, B. Littlewood, Chas. P.
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E. Brown, H. Bradley, Wm. Dougherty,
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part of "Everyman," exhibited splendid
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THE NORTH SEA INQUIRY.
Emissaries of Russian Government Al-
leged to Have Bribed Fishermen.

London, Dec. 20.—The prevailing ex-
pectation in the British navy respecting
the inquiry into the Dogger Bank out-
rage seems to be that the court will find,
first, that no warship of any other coun-
try than Russia was present at the time;
second, that the Russians fired on their
own ships, mistaking them for Japanese
vessels; third, that either the vessels of
the Gamecock fishing fleet caught the
shot and shell meant for the warships
mistaken for hostile craft, or were fired
on under suspicion that they were co-
operating with those warships, and
fourth, that the entire affair was a blun-
der not absolutely inexcusable, and that,
therefore, nobody is deserving of serious
punishment.

In a dispatch from Hull the London
Daily Mail makes the bold charge that
emissaries of the Russian government
have been tampering with members of
the ill-fated Gamecock fleet, which was
fired on by the vessels of the Russian
Baltic fleet. It is the purpose of those
agents, the Mail alleges, to induce the
fishermen to sign statements to the effect
that the Gamecock fleet assisted the
Japanese in concealing the presence of
torpedo boats on the Dogger Bank, and
to that end the fishermen are made
drunk and money is spent on them with
a free hand.

The owners of the fleet have long sus-
pected such activity on the part of the
Russians, and recently set a trap for
some of the agents. The evidence ad-
duced in this manner, the Mail states,
will be submitted to the inquiry commis-
sion, which has its first sitting at Paris
to-day.

Denied in Russia.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The Eng-
lish reports that Russian agents are
trying to suborn witnesses belonging
to the Hull fishing fleet in connection
with the North Sea incident, a source
of great indignation here, this being con-
sidered to be wilful misrepresentation
of the facts. Russia openly offered a
reward for information throwing light
on the subject.

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J. M. Mackinnon, managing director of
the Canadian Pacific Pulp & Paper Com-
pany, returned to Vancouver from Lon-
don on Sunday, and announces that the
work already begun at Swanson Bay and
in that neighborhood is to be followed
by the erection of a sawmill and a sul-
phide plant. The construction of these
will be proceeded with very shortly, and
in about a year the manufactured pulp
will be shipped to Great Britain.

The name has been changed from the
Oriental Power & Pulp Company to the
Canadian Pacific Pulp & Paper Com-
pany, but it is still a subsidiary company
of the Canadian Finance Syndicate, of
London, England.
"When I went over," says Mr. Mac-
kinnon, "I took samples of woods, pieces
of the trees themselves, fir, spruce and
balsam, and tests made showed that
pulp of the finest quality could be manu-
factured. After consideration it was de-
cided to go ahead with the erection of
the sawmill, which will have a capacity
of 40,000 feet per day, and the sulphide
plant, which will be capable of produc-
ing from 35 to 40 tons of sulphide pulp
daily. When these are completed, the
investment will be \$300,000. It is the
intention of the company to ultimately
build paper mills. There is a big de-
mand for pulp in England, where all the
large newspapers have paper mills of
their own. The China Mutual line of
steamers has given us very good rates
for transportation, and, altogether, the
future prospects of the company are very
bright. Another pulp company is about
to be formed, but particulars of this are
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There was placed on exhibition yesterday in the vacant store at the corner of Government and Broughton streets a fine collection of water colors. These were the work of Miss Eleanor F. Jackson, and most of them were copies of works of David Cox, Birket Foster, MacWhirter, Whittaker, Karl Heffner, Mackintosh, Fred Walker and other noted painters, exhibited at the Royal Victoria and Late Gallery in London. Interspersed among them were some original paintings. The exhibition continued until today at noon.

Special preparations are being made by friends of the Centennial Methodist church for their services next Sunday. Special Christmas services will be held all day. The young people will look after the decorations. In the morning all parents and children and friends of the congregation are invited, when the pastor will deliver an address special for the occasion. In the evening the large choir of 35 voices will provide an excellent musical programme. There will be a number of special choruses in addition to the solos and quartettes. This promises to eclipse all other years. The pastor will deliver a short address in keeping with the season.

Last evening Mr. Jas. A. Gill and Miss Dora Godt, both residents of Esquimaux, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony, which took place at the residence of the groom's parents, 20 Henry street, was performed by Rev. J. P. Westman. The bride looked charming in a gown of cream silk trimmed with all over lace. She was attended by Miss Ella Gill, while Mr. Adam Godt attended the groom. The house was beautifully decorated. A supper was served and advantage was taken of the opportunity by guests to wish the newly married couple long life and prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Gill left last evening for the mainland by the steamer Princess Victoria to spend their honeymoon.

D. Osborn, cable operator at Bamfield Creek, arrived in the city yesterday for his Christmas holidays. He made the trip by way of the Alberni canal, which at this season is the reverse of pleasant, especially when a small steam launch is used. Life at the cable station is very dreary during the winter months, and the operators appreciate an occasional run to the city. Mr. Osborn was a member of the first Canadian South African contingent, and while on service represented the Halifax Herald, sending them quite a number of interesting letters from the front. He knew nearly all the Victoria members of the contingent, including the late Wm. Scott, Todd and the others who were killed at Paardeberg, as well as Capt. Blanchard.

The pupils of Miss S. F. Smith spent a very enjoyable afternoon at her studio, 57 Fort street, on Saturday last. The decorations had been in charge of the senior pupils, the effect of the tastefully arranged ivy and bunches of large yellow chrysanthemums being most artistic. The centre of attraction was a beautiful Xmas tree hung with all sorts of "goodies" for those present, about forty in number. Mrs. Garret Smith, pianist; Miss M. Hall and Mr. Fawcett, violinist, contributed in no small degree to the success of the afternoon by their charming selections. Miss M. George led the younger children through some very pretty figures of marching, after which musical games were played. The tree was then lighted, while refreshments were served, and when Miss Smith cut from the tree little Xmas gifts the scene was one of great merriment.

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be found in the appearance of the Sooko hills this morning. Snow fell yesterday and during the night, and this morning the hills were white. On the summit last evening snow lay two inches deep. This is the first snow that has fallen this year.

Yesterday morning the death took place of Miss Wilhelmina Eliza Redknapp at the residence of A. H. Phillips, No. 50 Dallas road. Deceased was 77 years of age and a native of Richmond, England. She leaves a brother, Herbert Redknapp, of Hillsdale avenue, to mourn her loss. The funeral is arranged to take place from the residence mentioned at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

The Pierrots will leave Victoria next week to fulfil engagements in Southern California, and they announce that their farewell performance will take place on Friday evening at the Hotel Dallas. This will positively be the last opportunity of hearing these two clever entertainers, as they go back to England at the end of next April. Friday night's programme will include many old favorite selections and several new turns which are sure to please.

H. G. Robinson wishes to notify the public who are interested that the last lectures and exhibitions and last chance to buy Marconi shares at par will be given on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon and evening. This will be the last chance to see the most wonderful invention of the age. Mr. Robinson will be at Institute Hall daily from 10 to 4 to explain the workings, etc.

Just arrived at Weiler Bros. a splendid assortment of the famous Lorraine china in four styles of ornamentation, each distinct, all rich; one, perhaps the best, a lovely decorative scheme of roses and gladioli, richly relieved with dainty pale blue embossments. Another, a rich clouded blue ground, lightened up with floral decorations, outlined in raised gold. The third, just white and gold, but such gold! Not too much and well displayed—a very choice decoration and inexpensive. Still another, a pretty pale sea blue ground, with bouquets of roses thrown up by darker green clouds—the whole daintily relieved with gold tracery. See advertisement for prices.

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On behalf of the B. C. Benevolent Society Alex. Wilson acknowledges the receipt of \$25 from the Van Lokeren estate for the current year, through A. W. Bridgeman.

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New Jackets, in black only; regular value, \$5.00. Thursday's price\$3.50

Fancy Wool Fascinators; regular value, \$1.25. Thursday's price75c.

Circular Wool Shawls, regular value from \$2.50 to \$2.75. Thursday's price\$1.75

Elderdown Dressing Gowns; regular value, \$5.50. Thursday's price\$3.75

Men's Silk Umbrellas; regular value from \$10.25 to \$14.00. Thursday's price\$5.00

Ostrich Feather Ruffs; regular value from \$10.50 to \$14.50. Thursday's price\$3.50

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Men's Silk Mufflers; regular value from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Thursday's price65c.

Fancy Dressing Sackes, all sizes; regular value, \$2.25. Thursday's price\$1.75

Children's Serge Dresses, 6 to 10 years; regular value, \$3.50. Thursday's price\$2.75

White Silk Waists, sizes 32 to 40; regular value, \$6.50. Thursday's price\$3.75

Fancy Flannelette Blouses; regular value, \$1.25. Thursday's price75c.

Infants' Kimonos; regular value, 45c. Thursday's price35c.

Ladies' Belts; regular value, 75c. Thursday's price25c.

Lace Cashmere Hose; regular value, 65c. Thursday's price50c.

Jewelled Hat Pins; regular value, 50c. Thursday's price25c.

Fancy Belt Sets; regular value, 35c. Thursday's price25c.

Electric Seal and Stone Marten Collar; regular value, \$19.00. Thursday's price\$6.35

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Almonds, per lb.	15c.
Mixed Nuts, per lb.	15c.
Large Cocoanuts, each	12 1/2c.
Valencia Almonds (shelled), per lb.	45c.
Jordan Almonds (shelled), per lb.	65c.
California Table Figs, per lb.	10c.
Fancy Smyrna Figs, per lb.	15c.
Extra Fancy Figs, per lb.	20c.
Cresca Figs (in baskets), 1s 35c., 2s 60c.	
Chinese Figs (crystallized), 1 lb. boxes, each	35c.
Sliced Oranges (crystallized), 1 lb. boxes	35c.
Sliced Lemons (crystallized), 1 lb. boxes	35c.
Fancy Hallowee Dates, per lb.	10c.
Stuffed Dates, 1 lb. boxes, each	50c.
French Prunes, in glass, each	75c.
Jelly Powders (McLaren's Pure Gold or Blue Ribbon)	3 pkgs. for 25c.
Cape Cod Cranberries, per lb.	15c.
Local Cranberries, 3 lbs for	25c.
Metz Fruits (glazed) 1s boxes, 50c; 1s boxes, 75c.	
Franco-American Plum Pudding, in tins, 1s	50c.
Gordon & Dilworth Plum Puddings, in tins, 1s	40c.
California Table Raisins, 2 lbs. for	25c.
Malaga Table Raisins, per lb.	15c. and 25c.
Dehesa Chester's Fancy Table Raisins, per lb.	50c.
Large California Navel Oranges, per dozen	25c.
Selected California Navel Oranges, per dozen	15c.
Japanese Oranges, large box, each	60c.
Fancy Lemons, per dozen	25c.
Fancy Stock Bananas, per dozen	35c.
Malaga Grapes, per lb.	40c.
California Grapes, 5 lb. baskets	75c.
Pure Native Port Wine, per gallon, \$1.25; per bottle, 25c.	
California Zinfandel Claret, per gallon, \$1.00; bottle, 25c.	
XX Port (3 year old), per bottle	50c.
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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. DELEGATES SELECTED.

Judging from present indications the desire of members of the Victoria Association that an Island league be formed before Christmas and a British Columbia association before the New Year will be realized. Already the former has been accomplished, and the organization of a provincial league, owing to the energy of Rev. W. W. Bolton and other officials, is well under way. Local representatives to attend a meeting at the Terminal City for the purpose of arriving at a satisfactory agreement between the Island and Mainland leagues regarding the formation of a general association were appointed at a recent meeting of the former organization. Rev. Mr. Bolton, Corl. Remacle and J. G. Brown were the three selected, and it is anticipated these officers will visit Vancouver in the course of a few days. As announced by the Times Vancouver correspondent in these columns last evening, the Mainland league has fully endorsed the action taken by local clubs. Not only this, but they have already appointed delegates to meet the Victoria representatives, and have left the deciding of a date in the hands of the latter. This demonstrates the friendly feeling existing between the Mainland and Island leagues, and augurs well for the successful organization of the proposed British Columbia association.

LEAGUE STANDING.

The present standing of the Mainland League is as follows:

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
Shamrocks	10	7	1	2	16
Celtics	10	7	1	2	16
Rovers	9	6	2	1	13
Col. College	11	4	4	3	11
Chilliwack	8	3	3	2	7
Casuals	9	2	7	0	1
Central Park	11	0	11	0	0

HANDBALL.

Y. M. C. A. MATCHES.

Last evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Terry and Dunn defeated Loveridge and Northcott in the first set by a score of 21-14. They lost the second set, however, the result being 11-21. The final has yet to be played. In another match Loveridge and Northcott beat McNeill and Dunn by a score of 21-14, 21-18. A third game between Dunn and Northcott and Loveridge and McNeill was won by the former by a score of 21-10.

BILIARDS.

THE DRIFTING GAMES.

The Drift tournament is drawing to a close. Only two or three matches have to be played. Messrs. Anderson and Howson are expected to meet at an early date. The winner of this game meets A. Proctor. This evening the match, 500 up, between Mr. Howson and B. J. Perry, will take place. Mr. Perry allows his opponent 200 points.

THE RING.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

The challenge issued by Prof. Horn buckle to either Sergt. Dunn or Gr. McNamee of Work Point garrison, has been accepted by the latter. Already McNamee is in good trim. He is fortunate in having a number of first class training partners at his disposal. His opponent, Prof. Hornbuckle, although perhaps somewhat more scientific, will have to overcome McNamee's advantage in reach, strength and agility. The latter will enter the ring in the pink of condition.

FRIDAY'S CONTEST.

On Friday night at the Savoy theatre Gr. Neillings, of the R. G. A., and J. Oakley, of H. M. S. Bonaventure, meet in a 15-round boxing contest. Both men have been training hard, and, as they are reported to be clever with the gloves, the contest should be interesting. The name of the referee will be announced later.

BRITISH DEFEATED NELSON.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—After one of the hardest fought battles ever witnessed in the Mechanics' Pavilion, before an immense audience, Jimmy Britt, of this city, gained the decision in the twentieth round to-night over "Battling" Nelson, of Chicago. The contest was a terrible one throughout, and until the giving of the umpire's decision the verdict was in the balance.

3,000 audience witnessed what was actually conceded to be a contest for the world's lightweight championship. The belief that Joe Gans, the colored pugilist, who recently retained the title by securing a decision over Britt on a foul, is probably unable to reduce to the lightweight limit, accentuates the thought that the winner of tonight's battle will be looked upon as the legitimate champion of the lightweight division.

Never were two athletes more perfectly conditioned than Britt and Nelson on the conclusion of their long and arduous course of training, and each was the personification of confidence when Referee Billy Roche beckoned them to their corners and the bell summoned them to action.

No fight since the Jeffries and Fitzsimmons affair was decided has brought so many strangers to town. Both men failed to tilt the scales at 132 pounds, the stipulated weight. It was the opinion of those present that Nelson was the lighter by at least a pound.

A PROVINCIAL EXHIBIT.

Tourist Association Wants British Columbia Represented at Portland Exposition.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Tourist Association was held when a number of important questions were discussed. Anton Henderson occupied the chair, and among those present were J. E. Wilson, Ahs. Beckwith and Vincent and Herbert Cuthbert.

After the adoption of the minutes, a budget of communications were submitted. The first of these were from American railroad companies asking for booklets advertising Victoria for circulation among those who intend visiting the Portland exposition next year. It was decided to have a booklet issued for Portland would include a trip to Victoria without extra charge, it was a splendid opportunity for inducing Eastern residents to visit British Columbia.

Some discussion followed, and instructions were given the secretary to attend to the matter without delay. It was decided, also, to endeavor to influence local merchants and manufacturers to become interested in a British Columbia exhibit at the Lewis & Clarke exhibition at Portland. A delegation was appointed to wait upon the provincial government to solicit financial assistance. The gratifying announcement was made that, on account of the cheap winter rates, an excursion party had been organized in Manitoba, and would leave on the 5th or 6th of January for Victoria.

A communication from J. M. Robinson, secretary of the Summerland Development Co., Ltd., was received asking for information as to the prospects of establishing an Eastern fruit and vegetable canning firm in the West; also for particulars of goods imported from California and elsewhere. The questions will be answered immediately.

Other business of minor importance was considered, after which the meeting adjourned.

HIGH CLASS CONCERT.

Entertainment Provided by Miss Marrack Delighted Audience Last Night.

The entertainment given by Miss Marrack in Institute hall last evening was an excellent one. The programme as arranged gave considerable variety to the concert, and was very much enjoyed by all present.

Miss Marrack's accompaniments were played with the usual taste and sympathy, and in no small degree assisted the singers in their selections.

A Japanese fan dance, by fourteen young ladies, was well received. The singers all acquitted themselves well, and were given good receptions. In concluding the concert a comic sketch, "Bridget's Investment," was given. This proved a very entertaining number and delighted all in attendance.

The Japanese protected cruiser Teshima seized the British steamer Nigretia, bound for Vladivostok, off Ulsan, Korea, on Tuesday. An examination of the cargo showed she had a large quantity of contraband of war on board. The British steamer King Arthur was captured while attempting to leave Port Arthur on Tuesday by the Japanese guardship Asagiri. It is understood that the King Arthur took supplies to Port Arthur. She had on board Russian naval officers who were attempting to join the Russian second Pacific squadron.

The state board of pardons has granted a pardon to Colonel Fred Ames, says a St. Paul, Minn., dispatch. Colonel Ames was chief of police and was convicted of "graft" during his brother's administration. Colonel Ames's pardon is due to the untiring efforts of his wife.

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CATERING TO THE CHRISTMAS TRADE

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artistically arranged, and at night brilliantly illuminated. In addition to the usual line of stock there is on view an abundance of sweetmeats and seasonal fruits. The store throughout bears a holiday effect and presents an inviting appearance to the visitor.

Fox's cutlery store, 78 Government street, has one of the neatest, and at the same time one of the nicest stocks, in the city. Here can be found the useful in the way of articles for Christmas gifts within the reach of every one's pocket and appropriate to nearly every taste. The window display, as usual, is an attractive one. The passer-by should never ignore this store, and a study of the window would well repay the prospective buyer of Christmas things. The stock includes some of the very best English goods.

A glance at the show windows of Covent Gardens, the Fort street florists department, will well repay those making holiday purchases. Beautiful flowers of all kinds are displayed. Those

who wish material for decoration can obtain holly or evergreen here in any quantity. Mistletoe—an indispensable feature of Christmas adornment—is exhibited, while should appropriate bouquets be required, nothing better could be desired than what is offered at this store.

Christmas cakes, pastries and choice confections are exhibited at Clay's, Fort street. One cannot stand long before the store without desiring some of the many delicacies shown. Here also the usual Christmas decorations have not been forgotten. A profusion of holly and evergreen has been used with charming effect, while on the ceilings of cakes is inscribed "The Compliments of the Season." Mrs. Clay's greetings to her many patrons.

Like most local druggists Campbell & Co., corner of Fort and Douglas streets, have secured a large stock of dainty nick-nacks for the Christmas trade. The spacious windows of this establishment, ablaze with light in the evenings, set off to advantage a handsome collection of these articles so much in demand at this season. Gentlemen's toilet sets, perfume, combs and brushes; almost everything imaginable is shown. It is not possible for one desiring a suitable present to enter this store and leave it dissatisfied. Needless to say Mr. Campbell and his assistants have not forgotten the decorations. They are of a most elaborate character.

In Birgh's store, Government street, there is to be seen a busy corps of workers. A large stock of drygoods is here on sale. The assortment is of the very best, and the prices are such as can not be beaten in the city. The windows are well dressed for the holiday season, and the store, though recently opened, is doing a good business.

Terry & Maret's drug store cannot be overlooked by those out to purchase their usual Christmas gifts. Always bright and cheerful this building has been made very attractive by the proprietors. Although they have imported a large amount of Christmas stock, a

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The exhibit of jewelry, clocks, watches and optician's supplies made by A. P. Birch in his new store on Fort street is of a high order. The stock is admirably selected, and a very good variety is shown. His window presents a very pretty appearance. In addition to the jewelry on exhibition there is a fine display of spectacles and eye-glasses, from which a choice can be made.

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At Mowat's grocery store, corner of Douglas and Yates street, is to be seen many splendid Christmas gifts. In one window a typical Santa Claus is shown carrying a pack in which, no doubt, are many of the presents which so delight the hearts of juveniles. Outside of this the decorations merit a visit from those who wish to see all the Christmas attractions.

As usual Wilby's store, Douglas street, is one of the most frequented toy emporiums of the city. This year the management has gone a step further and imported a stock that would be difficult to improve upon. Every kind of toy imaginable is on sale at this popular mecca of the little ones. On Saturday last Mr. Wilby persuaded Santa Claus to spend a few minutes at his store, much to the delight and entertainment of several hundred of lusty, howling, young Victorians.

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One of the most appreciated requisites for the Kitchen. No cloth, water kept out and the goodness kept in; 40c., 50c., 65c., 75c. and \$1.00 each.

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Enterprise Pattern, 3 sizes; \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.00 each.

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We stock over 8 patterns of reliable Coffee Mills. Prices from 40c. to \$2.00 each.

STRANSKY WARE

If any of your pots and pans need replacing try Stransky Enamel Ware—the best that's made. Well wear for years.

Saucepans, from 60c. each.

Kettles, from \$1.50 each.

Stock Pots, from \$2.00 each.

Fry Pans, from 50c. each.

Coffee Pots, from \$1.25 each.

Teapots, from \$1.00 each.

A little more than ordinary Granite Ware, but its worth more.

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Kent's Rotary Knife Cleaners—there's 200,000 of them in use throughout the world. This speaks volumes for their efficiency and labor-saving qualities. Prices from \$20.00 up.

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We keep only the most reliable kinds, and those in all sizes. Prices from \$3.50 to \$8.00 each.

Coal Scoops, japanned, black or galvanized, 50c. up.

Coal Hammers, 25c. each.

Dover Egg Beaters, 25c. and 50c. each.

Tea Trays, all sizes, from 35c. up.

Meat Cleavers, wooden handle, 50c.

Kitchen Bays, all steel, 35c. each.

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Mining Knives, 25c. to 50c. each.

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Ebony Toilet Pieces

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We have a complete line of these goods, comprising:
Mirrors, Brushes, Manicure Articles, etc.
Either Plain or Sterling Silver Mounted. They may be grouped in any assortment to form sets. These are of French manufacture and guaranteed GENUINE EBONY. Let us quote you prices.

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\$15.00 PRIZE

A Maltese Lace Collar valued at \$15.00 will be awarded to the lady who composes the best poem on the merits of Maltese Lace. Ask your grocer for printed particulars of contest. The collar is on view at T. N. HIBBEN & CO.'S STORE.
THE GEORGE CARRIE CO., LTD.
WHOLESALE AGENTS.

You are specially invited to our show rooms during the next few days. Our exhibition of Christmas presents is well worth the time it will cost you. Weller Bros.

With the recent acquisition of the wireless telegraphic systems formerly belonging to the weather bureau of the United States department of agriculture the navy department now has the nucleus of a wireless system for the entire Pacific coast, extending from Cape Flattery to Catalina Island. With these it will be possible through the local station to have communication. It is proposed to place wireless stations at the mouth of the Columbia river, at Cape Blanco, at Point Conception, and at Catalina Island. Others, in all probability, will be added, so that the entire Pacific coast will have an intercommunicable chain of wireless stations, placed so that a vessel approaching the coast anywhere may be able at once to pick up one or other of the stations.

Christmas and New Year's presents are of a much higher class than they used to be. We are far more refined in our tastes than we were a quarter of a century ago, the educational facilities we have enjoyed have given us a greater love for the beautiful—a higher appreciation of the artistic. Our manufacturers are supplementing this "higher education" by placing within the reach of all things that are beautiful, highly artistic, at prices that we can afford to pay. Our displays of holiday goods fully bear out this statement. Weller Bros.

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Will be Continued
To-Night
AT 8 O'CLOCK
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Remember these are all New Goods bought this fall, and the prices the lowest ever quoted in the city. Buy your Xmas present here and save money. \$1.00 buys as much as \$2.00 elsewhere.

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Four cases of bound books in cloth and heavy Morocco.
\$3.50 Books, for.....\$0.75
\$4.00 Books, for.....\$1.00
\$5.00 Books, for.....\$1.25
Make some one happy with a silk waist.

50 pieces Silks and Dress Satin
Worth \$1.00 and \$1.50 yard. Clearing at.....50c. yard

Other Xmas Goods
Handkerchief Cases, Lace Collars, Fancy Belts, Silk Drapes, Silk Table Covers, Tapestry and Chenille Covers and Curtains and Swiss Curtains; all at about half price.

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\$35.00 Sable Ruffs, for.....\$20.00
\$25.00 Squirrel Ruffs, for.....15.00
\$15.00 Otter Ruffs, for.....8.50
\$2.50 Thibet Lamb Ruffs, for.....1.25
\$8.00 Misses' Grey Lamb Collar.....4.75

Two Hundred Jack-ets and Raincoats
Every garment new this fall, all clearing at exactly half the regular price.

Kid Gloves

\$1.50—Perrin, best guaranteed Mocha and Dressed Kid Gloves, all clearing at 75c. pr.

Store Open Every Night Until 9 p. m.

A. BLYGH, 48 Government St.

Fine Large California Oranges. 15c doz
Two Tins Pure Pineapple for - 25c

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OPPOSITE POST OFFICE, GOVERNMENT STREET.

GO-OPERATIVE STORE

Try our Co-Operative Blend of Tea
The Best Value in the Market
Table Figs, Nuts, Malaga Raisins

A full line of Bon-Bons, Candies, etc., for Xmas trade.

Handkerchiefs in Endless Variety

Hemstitched Mercerised Handkerchiefs, with silk embroidered initials.....25c.
Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs, embroidered initials.....50c.
Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered initials.....50c.; \$5.00 dozen
A great choice in pretty Colored Silk Handkerchiefs, any of which would make an acceptable gift for a gentleman.
Hemstitched Handkerchiefs with fancy colored borders.....75c., 85c., \$1.00
Silk Bandanna Handkerchiefs.....\$1.25, \$1.50
Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and plain, corded edges.....10c., 15c., 20c.
Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and corded edges.....25c., 35c., 50c.

W. & J. Wilson,

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APPLES! APPLES!

We lead for B. C. Apples. Select your Xmas box. Selected Eggs, Best Canadian Cheese, Creamery Butter, Hams and Bacon. AGENTS FOR VAL KIRIE PACKING COMPANY, LTD. All kinds of Cured Fish. LEAVE ORDER FOR XMAS TURKEY AND POULTRY.

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LOCAL NEWS

The total clearings for the week ending December 20th, as furnished by the Victoria clearing house, amounted to \$561,542.

Major R. E. Bland, officer commanding the Royal Engineers, is a wing tender for timber, shingles and lath, to be received at his office up to noon on Wednesday next.

The Victoria West Municipal Association will meet in Semple's hall to-morrow evening for the discussion of civic affairs. Among the subjects to come up will be the city's water supply.

The car service was interrupted for about half an hour at noon to-day, there being some trouble at the Goldstream station. A force of B. C. Electric Railway employees soon effected the repairs necessary and the service was resumed.

By a typographical error in last evening's edition the amount contributed by the city towards the purchase of the Seeley property in connection with the James Bay scheme was incorrectly placed at \$25,000, instead of \$2,500. The C. P. R. provided \$20,000 towards the work, the city adding \$2,500, making the full amount \$22,500.

"Pretty Peggy" will be seen at the Victoria theatre again to-morrow evening. There is no doubt that a large house will greet this capable company on the return engagement to compensate them for the meagre attendance at their former performance. The leading roles will be in the capable hands of Jane Corcoran and Andrew Robson. Seats have been selling rapidly.

Despite the fact that Christmas week is not usually profitable in the show business, the Redmond company continues to play to good houses. The attraction is the well-known comedy drama, "Man and Master," which is also the hall for this afternoon's matinee. To-morrow evening Madame Myer will make her debut with the Redmond company as leading lady, appearing in the fine old English drama, "Caste."

A Victorian who has been engaged in mining in the northern country for years predicts a bright prospect for the Tanana district, of which much has been spoken and written for some time past. While admitting that there has been considerable exaggeration in the reports, he says there is no question that the country is immensely rich, and will continue to attract a great deal of attention. A large amount of gold was taken out last season, and with the larger development that is bound to occur next year, the total output for 1905 will be very much greater.

Prices English Mince Meat is Made From the Finest Materials.

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78 WHARF STREET.
Wholesale and Retail Dealers
Ship Chandlery Varnishes
Hardware Brushes
Paints and Oils 74c and 76c Gasoline

GLOVES! GLOVES!

For the Christmas Trade

We have just received another consignment of FOWNE'S, DENT'S, and ENGLISH GLOVES, which we are making a leader of THIS WEEK at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 per pair, guaranteed

Remember the Certificates

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HATTERS AND HABERDASHERS
57 Government Street Open Every Night This Week

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—First-class cook. Apply between 1 and 3, 58 Quadra street.

WANTED—Employment on a farm, by experienced hand; wages no object. Apply 23, this office.

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MILK AND CREAM delivered daily. R. E. Knowles, Carney Dairy, Cornwall St.

MONEY—\$5.00 a month in our syndicate will earn more than your hands. Write D. M., Box 183.

WANTED—Buyers for second-hand furniture, stoves, heaters, etc.; the cheapest in town. The I X L Second-Hand Store, Store street.

VICTORIA THEATRE

The Ben Greet Players of London, England.
TODAY AT 8.30 O'CLOCK,
The Star of Bethlehem
A Christmas Play of the Nativity.

Bring the children; play over at 10.15.

Prices, 25c. to \$1.50. Seats on sale at Walt's Music Store.

25c. BIRD BOOK FREE

Those who send this book to a friend but have no address and a Bird Book yellow wrapper, Bird Book is a small book of 100 pages, containing 100 birds and their habits. It is a most useful and interesting book. It is sent free to all who send in a postcard to the publisher, COTTAM BIRD SEED, 24 St. James, London, Eng.

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On Yates street, a few doors from Government street.
Hot Coffee, Beef Tea, Bovril, etc., from the very best materials. Call in and try them.
H. T. COLE, Prop.

Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Christmas Day

The annual Christmas donations of all kinds will be thankfully received at the Hospital, or if intending donors will kindly drop a postal card to Mr. Robt. Jenkinson, the house steward, he will send to any address named and gladly take charge of any gifts.

SURVEYING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

Parties wanting thorough tuition in surveying and civil engineering, and claimants wishing to qualify themselves to join surveying parties in the spring, apply

CIVIL ENGINEER
8 STADACONA AVENUE
PHONE 224.

REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, CHAPTER 92.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and saw-mill to be erected by William Moore and Ernest W. Wootton on and opposite Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Block B, Work Estate, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

A plan of the site with description thereof has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each has been deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1904, at Victoria, British Columbia.
WOOTTON & GOWARD,
Bank of Montreal Chambers,
Victoria, British Columbia,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.
All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of the Esquimalt District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land Grant.
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Men's Neckwear

Some beautiful new silks came to hand yesterday. Exclusive, handsome patterns in English squares, puffs, derbies, scarfs and strings. Owing to their late arrival these ties will all be sold at 50c. each, instead of 75c. and 90c.

Handsome Silk Mufflers

For men at 75c. A special lot, extra large sizes, in black, polka dot and colored effects. A timely, acceptable gift.

Initial Handkerchiefs

Large size, silk initial handkerchiefs, hemstitched borders, extra quality. Most all initials in stock now, but they are selling fast; 50c. each.

Gloves

We have an extra good assortment of gloves for the holiday trade. Exceptionally good value in dog-skin, kid and Mocha, lined or unlined, at 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Silk lined gloves in Mocha and dog-skin, \$1.25 and \$1.50 pair. These are good fitters, light and very warm.

Fancy Vests

Are being much bought this season for gifts. If you buy one here and it doesn't fit, you can have him change it after Christmas. Some handsome silk-mixed ones with flannel lining, \$2.75 each.

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Especially fattened for this great show and Xmas trade, comprising everything that is seasonal in a first-class establishment. Prime Juicy Beef, Muttons, Lamb, Porks, Veals, Sucking Pigs and Turkeys. Geese and Chickens by the ton from our enterprising farmers.

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For Good Cutlery GO TO A CUTLERY STORE

Cutlery
In Cases, \$5.00 to \$20.00. Without Cases, \$1.50 to \$5.00 a set.

Table Knives
In Xylonite Handles, \$5.00 per doz. up. In Ivory Handles, \$15.00 to \$18.00.

Dessert Knives
In Xylonite Handles, \$2.00 per doz. up. In Ivory Handles, \$5.00 to \$11.00.

CHILD'S SETS, KNIFE, FORK AND SPOON, 50c. to \$2.25

At **FOX'S,** 78 Government Street.